Joint Warfighting Concept Development

Round 1 Pros & Cons

Protection Joint Functional Concept
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Pros

- **Concept of DART offsite**
  - **Senior level comments (validation)**
  - **Good forum and good idea sharing**
  - **Presented opportunity for concept standardization**
- **Integrated 136 staffing**
  - **Good but must insist on GO/FO cover memo to accompany comments (consolidated service/agency position on issues)**
- **Concept Resolution Conference**
  - **Established buy-in**
  - **Forced resolution of issues through discussion and understanding of service, COCOM, and agency issues**

Cons

- **Concept integration**

  - Concepts developed so fast and independent of each other created gaps between concepts

  - Taxonomy

  - Common definitions and meanings not established up front. This fostered confusion and hurt integration efforts

- **Planning**

  - Too many changes in the process created in-efficiencies i.e. relationships of concepts

  - The way ahead was unclear and unknown throughout much of concept development; still TBD

- **How wide/how deep?**

  - Level of detail required for concepts never determined and question never answered. This created significant confusion and conflict in concept working groups